

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 1st, 2012 * 8:00 a.m. City Hall Conference Room 4000 Main Street Rowlett, TX 75089

PRESENT:

Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Vincent Leal, Eric Hatch, Geoffrey

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ABSENT:

Mark Garcia

STAFF:

Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager, Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation, Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent, Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.
- Eric Hatch appointed as regular voting member.
- 3. Brad M. motioned to approve minutes from the April 3rd, 2012 regular meeting with changes. Eric H. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor.
- 4. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
 - a. Brad shared that the new tee box at # 11; grass is growing very nicely. The greens have been rolling a little faster since they have been using the new mower. We have had some 90 degree days; there is a little bit of burn but seems to be recovering.
 - b. Larry shared the greens were fast when he played. The fountains at # 11 and # 9 were not working. He asked Dan if they were working now. Dan stated the power was off; but they are working now.
 - c. Brian shared that the City of Dallas is currently enacting some water conservation measures. They are only allowing residents to water twice per week permanently. There are some other cities that are considering the same steps. We are currently in stage 3 although the measures are relaxed. At the May board meeting they indicated in an email they are considering going to stage 2. If they do this; they will still keep their 10% goal. You can still use soaker hoses and water by hand. Everything looks good in Hubbard and Lavon lakes.
 - d. Brad asked about the pump at Hubbard. Brian stated there are no plans to move it. Jim our Public Works Director's concern was we were getting just mud at one time; but now it is operating fine.



- e. Brad stated he went out and measured the trees on # 15 and they are getting into the 15 to 16 inch range now. Believe it is because we have spiked these trees in the past years.
- f. Dan B. asked about the gator bags for the trees. Larry stated Fannin will bring them out when we request them. Larry stated we need to do this soon.
- 5. Discuss status of February recommendations to City Council including: bunkers on #8 and #18, circulator at #11, pump and circulator at #13, Bent Grass Nursery, and removal of bunkers at #4 and #8; as revised at the March 13th, 2012 Special Work Session meeting.
 - a. Larry shared that City Council at their work session agreed to remove the bunkers and to not fund the roof repair.
 - b. Brian has asked Dan H. to get some new proposals dealing with the fairway bunkers, concerning the two we are going to add and the two we are going to replace. Dan has already given us this on April 27th and we will send this to Craig K. Will then have Lynda sign the paperwork. This includes the nursery, fountain, and circulator on the pond.
- 6. Discuss opening of new tee on # 11:
 - a. City is holding its annual Allies Day tomorrow-- May 2nd, City gets one free day a year. The last two years Economic Development partnered with the City. The Director of Economic Development brings in top developers and bankers from the region. Larry asked if we can open the tee at # 11. Dan H. stated "no" it's not ready yet.
- 7. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. Barbara shared she has played 5 tournaments in the last two weeks. She played Brookhaven Championship Course. She played Westridge and it has fast greens. Played Twin Lakes at Canton and it has over 350,000 trees; because it is also a nursery. Eldorado Country Club; very fast greens. Golf Course of McKinney; greens varied, with the grain were fast and against it was slow. Played Firewheel Bridges and greens were in great shape.
- 8. Discuss orphan area adjacent to 10th tee.
 - a. Larry stated Jermel S. supplied us a list of where we can get plants and trees.
 - b. Geoffrey shared that this area is about 22,000 square feet in this area. The low side of the estimate was \$1.68 per square foot with the high side \$3.36 square foot with most of this depending on the plants that were selected and the size of the container. Soil amendments were another issue, and the grading didn't seem to be a big deal. This price includes everything, including labor.
 - c. Brad asked about the water issue and if this was addressed at the meeting. Geoffrey stated that the plants would definitely be native and water conservatory.
 - d. Dan B. stated the Waterview logo could be incorporated into the project.

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- e. Brad suggested cut this area down in size and grass the rest of the areas around it. At the current size this is the size of a football field almost. We can plant part of it and make it consistent with 5, 9, and 10; make it easier to maintain.
- f. Larry suggested maybe a partnership with the City and the Homeowner's Association joining into this project. Dan H. stated this may be possible.
- g. Geoffrey stated the ideal thing would be to have a non-profit to help maintain it. We all know this will take time to get started.
- h. Brad stated we should leave this on the agenda and he is willing to help maintain it.
- 9. Discuss status of replacing golf course boundary markers including water hazard and out of bounds.
 - a. Larry stated we have to schedule this and on Monday we will send out some perspective dates.
- 10. Discuss board members thoughts on the establishment of a non-profit golf course group.
 - a. Larry asked if Barbara would bring back some information on golf course non-profit groups to the board at our next meeting.
- 11. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
 - a. Walk to London, May 5th at Pecan Grove Park starting at 9:00 am. Local effort to bring the Olympics to DFW.
 - b. GAB meeting will be held at the club house in June.
- 12. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

13. Adjournment was at 9:00 am.

Larry Stick, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation

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